

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1 to 18 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, amend Claim 21, and add new Claims 22 to 24 as follows.:

1. to 18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) An information processing apparatus comprising:

development mode selecting means allowing users to make selection to designate one of development modes including a vector mode in which printing data described in the printer control language to be developed into image data by a printing device is created, and an image mode in which printing data described in an image mode to be used in printing by said printing device is created, or to designate an automatic decision mode of automatically deciding which one of the development modes is used;

print setting means for setting a plurality of print setting items in the printing data to be instructed to said printing device; and

user interface providing means for providing a user interface which, when said automatic decision mode is selected, does not accept the setting made by users on those of said plurality of print setting items that should be automatically decided in said automatic decision mode, but accepts the setting made by users on those print setting items that are allowed for users to set.

20. (Original) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

a development mode selecting step allowing users to make selection to designate one of development modes including a vector mode in which printing data

described in the printer control language to be developed into image data by a printing device is created, and an image mode in which printing data described in an image mode to be used in printing by said printing device is created, or to designate an automatic decision mode of automatically deciding which one of the development modes is used;

a print setting step of setting a plurality of print setting items in the printing data to be instructed to said printing device; and

a user interface providing step of providing a user interface which, when said automatic decision mode is selected, does not accept the setting made by users on those of said plurality of print setting items that should be automatically decided in said automatic decision mode, but accepts the setting made by users on those print setting items that are allowed for users to set.

21. (Currently amended) A computer-readable memory medium which stores a print control program product executed by an information processing apparatus, said[[,]] program product comprising:

a development mode selection code module for a development mode selection step of providing a user interface which includes an option for designating one of development modes including a vector mode in which printing data described in the printer control language to be developed into image data by a printing device is created, and an image mode in which printing data described in an image mode to be used in printing by said printing device is created, and an option for designating an automatic decision mode of automatically deciding which one of the development modes is used; and

a print setting code module for a print setting step of setting a plurality of print setting items in the printing data to be instructed to said printing device. [[;]]

wherein said development mode selection step provides module providing a user interface which, when said automatic decision mode is selected, does not accept the setting made by users on those of said plurality of print setting items that should be automatically decided in said automatic decision mode, but accepts the setting made by users on those print setting items that are allowed for users to set.

22. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein, in said development mode selecting means, the option for designating the automatic decision mode is set to an initial default.

23. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 19, further comprising:

printing data creating means for creating, in the development mode, printing data that includes print setting information designated by the print setting items containing at least one of printing resolution, printing gradation and shade.

24. (New) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, further comprising:

transmission processing means for controlling a process of transmitting the printing data created by said printing data creating means to said printing device via a network.